AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the subparagraph in lines 14-18 of the paragraph titled "Cross Reference to Related Application" on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to our copending patent application entitled "METHOD AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM PROVIDING BULK RECORD MEMORY TRANSFERS ACROSS MULTIPLE HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTER SYSTEMS", filed of on even date herewith and assigned to the assignee hereof, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,615,217 on September 2, 2003.

Please replace the first paragraph in lines 2-7 of page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

When records are being sent for from UNIX to GCOS, GFIP immediately flushes the buffer containing the open request record (as is shown in the preceding paragraph). However, when records are being sent for from GCOS to UNIX, GFIP does not immediately flush the buffer containing the open request record. Instead, it waits until the application performs a subsequent ETL call such as X_ETL_WRITEREC or X_ETL_CLOSE.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 14-16 of page 79 with the following amended paragraph:

This procedure doesn't does not communicate with the UNIX server, and so always returns immediately. It causes subsequent procedures for the specified connection to behave differently.

Please replace the paragraph on lines 18-22 of page 87 with the following amended paragraph:

This function doesn't does not block. When an error occurs, a negative error code is returned:

ETLTooMany	Too many connections are in use.
ETLNoPortsAvail	No ports available.
ETLSockErr	Error from socket routine.